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Letter dated 15 September 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Belgium to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the English and French texts of a statement issued on 13 September 1993 by the Presidency of the European Community on the peace process in the Middle East (see annex).

I should be grateful if you could have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly, under agenda items 30 and 35, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Statement dated 13 September 1993 by the Presidency of the European Community on the peace process in the Middle East

The European Community and its member States pay tribute to the vision and courage of the Israeli and Palestinian leaders who signed this historic agreement, which represents a positive breakthrough in the peace process.

The European Community and its member States offer their continuing political support and readiness to participate in further international arrangements arising in connection with implementation of the agreement.

Stressing the fact that the Community and its member States are already the largest net contributor to the occupied territories, the Community and its member States announce their intention to continue to be a substantive contributor. The European Community is ready to offer a package of immediate aid of 20 million ECU and to discuss medium-term aid with Palestinian institutions as they are formed.

The European Community and its member States reiterate their commitment to a comprehensive peace and hope that progress will be accomplished in other bilateral negotiations and in the multilateral talks on future cooperation. As a chairman of the Regional Economic Development Working Group, the European Community and its member States are prepared to contribute to all forms of regional economic cooperation.